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Restored McKinley statue going up in Canton, Ohio

Kevin L. Hoover

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CANTON, OHIO – The battered, splattered and voter-rejected statue of William McKinley that stood over the Arcata Plaza until four years ago has been lovingly restored and is about to stand tall again, this time in the 25th president's adopted home town of Canton, Ohio.

As reported by Kelli Weir of the *Canton Repository* newspaper, the statue will be installed at the Stark County Courthouse, with a dedication set for Saturday, Oct. 21 at 11:30 a.m.

Purchased for \$15,000 from the City of Arcata by



SEE YA The statue as it appeared after being loaded onto a truck at the city's Corp Yard, bound for Canton, Ohio March 18, 2019. KLH | UNION

Canton's Timken Foundation, the statue was trans-

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STARK COUNTY COURTHOUSE The William McKinley statue's new home, under construction. KELLI WEIR | CANTON REPOSITORY

Gateway Plan edges toward adoption

Kevin L. Hoover

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ARCATA – The city's planning leaders amassed again in City Hall last week to take another run at the Gateway Area Plan's (GAP) most intractable issues: building height, massing and density, community benefits and inclusionary zoning.

The study session broke with tradition in a few key ways. First, along with the familiar public speakers raising fears about the housing plan, an unusual number of pro-GAP commenters advised the City Council and Planning Commission to adopt the plan and its infill density provisions.



GATEWAY GROUP Citizens make their wishes known at the Gateway Area Plan Open House Monday night at the D Street Neighborhood Center. KLH | UNION

The session also benefited from crisp guidance by professional facilitator Heather Equinoss. She laid forth a process by which the decisionmakers could examine each issue, air com-

ments and questions, then rate their support for each proposed decision via "gradients of agreement" – basically, a score, with 1 signifying strong approval and 5 marking extreme disapproval.

Remarkably, some measure of consensus was achieved on the prickly policy points. Community Development Director David Loya said the GAP was "relatively on track" for final approval by the City Council next March or April.

Starting off, commissioners and councilmembers summarized their positions and outstanding questions. While stances varied on the devilish details of design and implementation, a throughline in all the comments was fundamental support for infill and affordable housing creation.

Another frequently mentioned

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County ADA underway after 'bumpy and grumpy' start

Daniel Mintz

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CLAM BEACH – It's been several years since the federal Department of Justice took action to get Humboldt County to retrofit its facilities in accord with the Americans with Disabilities Act and an update to the Board of Supervisors highlighted the progress that's been made.

At the Sept. 26 board meeting, supervisors were told 92 percent of what the



Mike Wilson

DOJ asked for has been done. The county is about halfway done with all the disability access projects it's planned.

In a presentation, ADA project team manager Travis Smith detailed the work that's been done and soon will be.

In describing completed projects, Smith highlighted a wheelchair-accessible beach mat at Clam Beach County Park.

The mat extends to the beach from

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Cal Poly sees enrollment, budget stress

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CAL POLY HUMBOLDT – A new letter from Cal Poly Humboldt's Vice President for Administration & Finance Sherie Cornish Gordon lays out some good and bad news for the university and its budget, presently undergoing broad transformation into a polytechnic.

In short, costs are up, enrollment is a third down from projections and the outcome of CSU system-wide labor negotiations in not known, but likely to further stress the budget. Meanwhile, the State of California is facing a massive \$31.5 billion budget deficit, leaving the CSU system straining to meet its goals.

All that sour news follows a controversial five-year tuition increase of 6 percent.

In response, Gordon announced a new "multi-faceted initiative" to address the challenges. Among the

facets are a new enrollment-based budgeting system, as well as development of a new multi-year planning process.

More information is to be released next week, and

a budget forum is to be held later in October.

"Every challenge presents an opportunity and moment to rise to the occasion," Gordon said.

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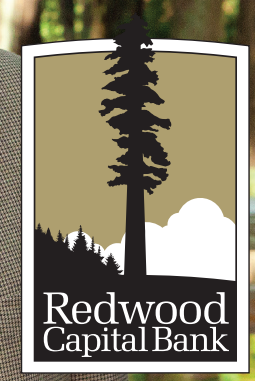


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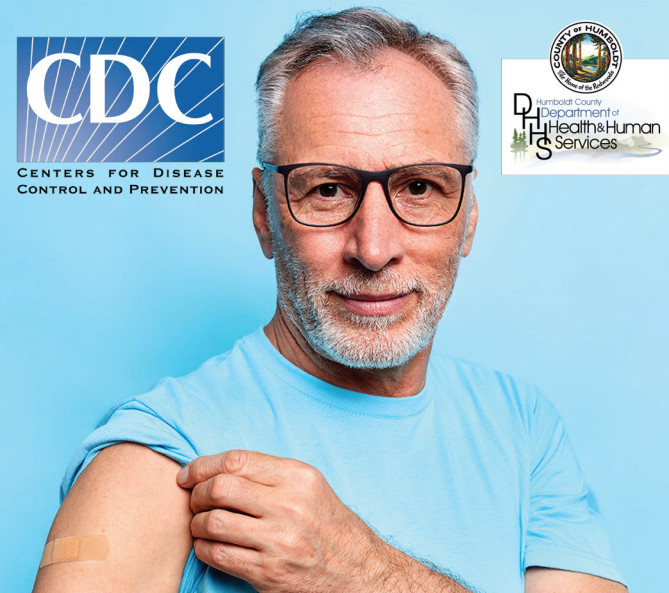
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CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CALIFORNIA – The California State University (CSU) began accepting applications for admission for the fall 2024 term on Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023. With just one application, students can apply for admission to any of the CSU’s 23 universities through the Cal State Apply systemwide portal at [Calstate.edu/apply](https://calstate.edu/apply). The priority application period closes on Nov. 30, 2023.

“The CSU is committed to making a high-quality education accessible and attainable for students from all socioeconomic backgrounds,” said April Grommo, CSU’s assistant vice chancellor for Strategic Enrollment Management. “That commitment is demonstrated in our high admittance rate. Currently nine out of 10 California students who apply are admitted to the CSU.”

With the continued success of Graduation Initiative 2025 in increasing graduation rates, along with

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Help True North make real change

TRUE NORTH ORGANIZING

ARCATA – Do you want to join with your community and collaborate to make a difference? True North Organizing Network’s Northern Humboldt Organizing Team is hosting a community brainstorming session where you can do just that!

Join us in connecting with our neighbors to share ideas and solutions about issues that are important to you on Thursday, Oct. 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the D Street Neighborhood Center, 1301 D St. in Arcata. Pizza and refreshments will be provided.

Last November, community members, students, staff and faculty came together in a similar community brainstorming session and were able to create concrete changes to the public transportation system in Valley West – a need identified during the brainstorming session.

Similarly, this event is more than a passive listening process, and is meant to be a space to begin working towards concrete,

community-driven change for Arcata.

Making change is about joining together across differences and working together, so come down to let your vision for our community be heard and to begin developing collective solutions and next steps.

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Compass supports youth in livestock auction

COMPASS COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

EUREKA – Compass Community Credit Union is pleased to support local students by providing add-on bids for the Jr. Livestock Auction at the Humboldt County Fair.

Projects include raising steers, lambs, goats, hogs, rabbits and poultry.

These students are required to select an animal, purchase, feed and groom the livestock to be judged, graded and sold at the fair.

The Jr. Livestock Auction was held on August 27, 2023. At the end of the auction, individuals and organizations can provide donations in the form of an add-on bid.

Compass Community

Credit Union was proud to support nine students, all members of the credit union.

Students invest a year’s worth of hard work for their project and proceeds are reinvested into student’s projects or set aside for future educational expenses.

Some students are indebted, while others are involved in the FFA, 4-H, or Grange.

“We are proud of our young members and the hard work they invest into their projects. The time commitment and dedication they invest into their livestock is amazing,” said Compass Community Credit Union CEO, Ray

Litchfield. “These students work hard and learn tremendous life lessons and responsibilities. We want to support and recognize these students for all of their efforts over this past year.”

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Thursday, Sept. 28	00.00	42.69	26.78	40.33
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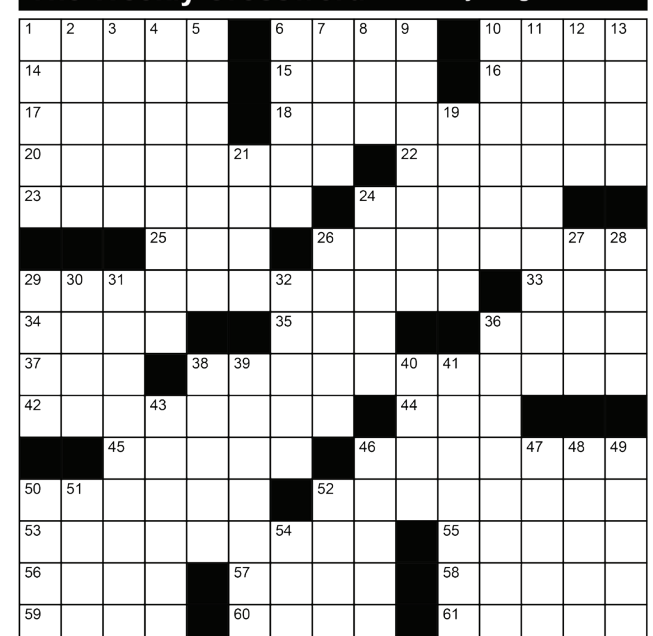
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1 Come to pass
6 Poor, as excuses go
10 Clothing closure
14 Yours, in old days
15 Last year's senior
16 Fast feline
17 Buttermilk, to Dale Evans
18 Now and then
20 Step up, as a conflict
22 Gerbil or gopher
23 Library patrons
24 Flamingo, for one
25 Caesar's 700
26 Garden of the Gods state
29 Nuts and berries, e.g.
33 File folder feature
34 Wheel shaft
35 Mathis song "Chances ____"
36 Extinct flightless bird
37 Seven, on some clocks
38 Stick here and there


DOWN
14 1953 film, "From Here to ____"
44 Sculler's need
45 Janet Jackson hit of 1986
46 Plymouth colonist, e.g.
50 "Boston Legal" actor James
52 Lip affliction
53 Fit to live in
55 Dressed to the
56 Civil rights org.
57 Herbal brews
58 Pole vault, e.g.
59 Regard
60 Whirling water
61 Staff symbols
1 Catchall category
2 Selected
3 Roughly, date-wise
4 Strip a horse?
5 Keep in office
6 Wears well
7 Succulent plant
8 It's the word
9 Oz's ____ City
10 Itsy-bitsy thing

ACROSS
11 Part of a fraction
12 Mane anagram
13 Yesteryear
19 Big deals
21 Rainbow shape
24 Serenader, maybe
26 Feldman of "Stand by Me"
27 Belonging to father
28 Orchestral reed
29 "____ you heard?"
30 Way out
31 Able to be transferred
32 Like some acids
36 Contemptuous
38 Atlas feature
39 Fertilizer
40 Motown music
41 Cowboy's pal
43 Curies' find
46 Verse in olden days
47 Vocal qualities
48 "____ we all?"
49 High homes
50 Caviar fish
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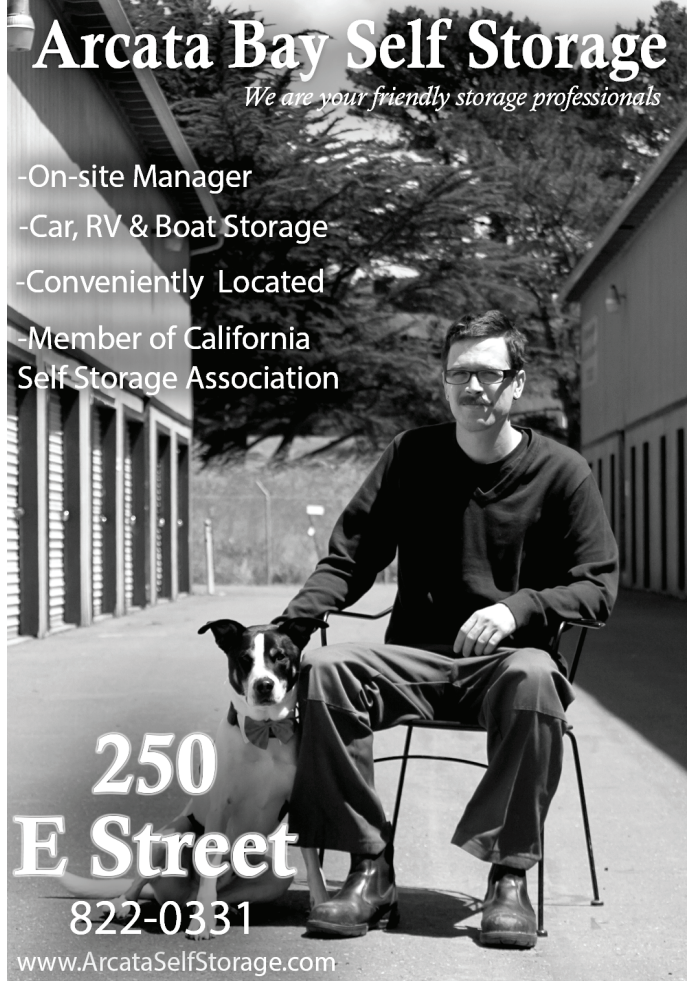


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The Basement kicks off with comedy taping

THE BASEMENT

ARCATA – Cornell Reid returns to Humboldt County to film his first comedy special *Live at The Basement*. The special will be filmed over two shows during the opening weekend of Arcata’s new The Basement, located in Jacoby’s Storehouse, Friday Oct. 6 and Saturday, Oct. 7 at 8 p.m. as a part of the Savage Henry Comedy Festival.

Growing up in Arcata, Reid performed with Dr. Jean Bazemore, who went on to found the Northcoast Preparatory and Performing Arts Academy. He traveled the world starring in plays. At 18 he enrolled in CSU Northridge where he was immediately cast as a major role in the Steve Martin play, *The Picasso at the Lapin Agile*. A friend of his invited him to do stand-up and it was love at first mic.

Reid has performed at comedy clubs and venues throughout the country including the Improv, the Comedy Store, the Upright Citizens Brigade and many others. He has written on multiple television shows and movies, some of which include *The Eric Andre Show*, *Bad Trip*, *Ridiculousness* and more. Reid has long been a part of the Humboldt local comedy scene, writing for *Savage Henry* magazine and performing at the eponymous festival and venue.

Now, 20 years later, he is returning to record his first hour-long stand-up special in his hometown. Helping to usher in the reopening of The Basement, located in the former Abruzzi’s space Jacoby’s Storehouse’s first floor, Reid with other Los Angeles based comedians will throw a show to remember. Tickets are available through eventbrite at cornellreid.eventbrite.com. You can find more details over on instagram @cornellreid or Twitter, @corneezy.



Notes from the Auto Park, Oct. 3: Oh, how it rained last night! Only one family, father, mother, son and daughter, were camping in the park. They have come hoping to make Arcata their home. Is there work for the father? Is there a home for them here? The children are of school age. Is there not some Y.M.C.A. or employment agency, or Red Cross, or something to help these people? ...Of course these people have a right to travel, but to sleep out in such a night, and in the rain, and the girl sick! – Arcata Union, Oct. 18, 1923

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Statue | Oct. 21 installation

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ported to the McKay Lodge Conservation Laboratory in Oberlin, Ohio, where it was meticulously restored, with a thorough cleaning and repatination. Green and disfigured when it left Arcata, the statue now boasts a rich, chocolatey patina.

According to the *Canton Repository*, it was then moved to the Louisville, Ohio facilities of Coon Restoration & Sealants for fitting with a metal base that will affix it to its new pedestal. Coon will also handle installation of the statue at the courthouse.

And what a pedestal it is. Designed by Motter & Meadows Architect, it starts at ground level with an 8 inch-thick concrete base, supporting a 6 foot, 6-inch framed granite pedestal bearing a 30- by 36-inch plaque and topped by a 10-and-a-half inch polished granite cap.

The statue was created by sculptor Haig Patigian and donated to the City of Arcata by Arcata pioneer George Zehndner in 1906. In the wake of mounting public outrage, with Zehndner and McKinley increasingly viewed as symbols of racist conquest and genocide, the City Council voted on Feb. 21, 2018 to remove the statue.

The decision was soundly affirmed by voters in that year’s November election, when a ballot measure to restore the statue to the Plaza was defeated by a margin of 2,436 to 1,483 votes.

The statue, which was repeatedly vandalized – graffitied and apparently splashed with a discoloring substance – was removed from the Arcata Plaza in the early morning hours of Feb. 28, 2019. It was stored at the city’s Corp yard until March 18 of that year, when it was loaded onto a flatbed truck and dispatched to Canton.

McKinley will tower 16 feet over a corner of the historic courthouse, not far from Saxton House, where McKinley lived with his wife, Ida, for a time. The statue will reportedly be monitored by security cameras.

That facility said it didn’t want the former Arcata statue, since it has others of its own, including robotic effigies of William and Ida which speak about various subjects.

Other possible locations which had been considered were Canton’s Central Plaza, the Canton Museum of Art, McKinley Senior High School and Crossroads United Methodist Church, in which McKinley was active.

Mambo and Peaches at Bayside Field & Farm Dog Park

Hey dog owners! There’s a new game in town. Have you heard about SniffSpots? These are privately owned spaces that you can rent by the hour for your dog alone

or for small groups of dogs. These spots are designed to minimize distractions and triggers and allow for maximum fun time with your dog. You can find these online near home or on the road.

There are a few listings in Humboldt; our experiences have all been with the Bayside Field and Farm Dog Park. We have taken several dogs to this spot and been really happy with the experience. There is room to run, toys to play with, a picnic table and chairs, assorted objects to climb on and it is fully fenced.

If that wasn’t good enough, the owner of the property has offered that the shelter dogs can come and play for free! Thank you, Rebecca Stauffer!

Two of our dogs that recently went on an outing with volunteers to this SniffSpot are Mambo and Peaches. An outing like this starts with a walk back at the shelter to confirm that the dogs will enjoy each other’s company. Next up is the part where they need to load up into cars which was no problem for these two –

they were eager to go!

Mambo requested permission to ride shotgun but settled comfortably in the back when permission was denied. At the park, Peaches took off for a thorough exploration of the property. She has gone on volunteer outings before but they have been on a long line; she loved the freedom of running unleashed.

Both dogs had so much fun running, playing and then relaxing by their human friends when everyone took a snack break. We can’t wait to take more dogs out to this fun location!

A little more information about these two is in order. Mambo has been at the shelter since February. He is about three years old and has so much going for him! This incredibly handsome boy is a nice walker, is friendly with other dogs and may even be a candidate for a home with cats.

Mambo spent some time with his finder before coming to the shelter and they had both dogs and cats in the home. Due to the shelter’s current crowded conditions, Mambo is occupying a kennel adjacent to the cat room. He is curious but polite as we pass them coming and going on walks.

Mambo has a lovely coat



that is really shining after a spa afternoon! Our volunteer bath-er reported that he was a co-operative client. Mambo got to go on an extra adventure after going to the SniffSpot. His volunteer friend Lauren took him to explore Sunny Brae where he visited the hardware store – lots of sniffing, no leg-lifting – and strolled the streets a bit. He was unfazed by bikes, joggers, cars and passersby. Lauren said he definitely earned an A+ for his outing!

Peaches has been at the shelter since April. She is about four years old and is a fun girl! Peaches was one of our top swimmers when Dash and Splash was at the shelter. We took her down to Fortuna when the pool was set up there and she enjoyed the swim just as much as the first time! Peaches has been on

several outings with volunteers. She loves riding in the car and is a good passenger.

Everyone always comments on what a happy girl she is and how much she enjoys exploring new places! She does everything with enthusiasm but was also perfectly fine lounging after she had a chance to get her zoomies out. This girl would really shine in a home where her day did not revolve around her one walk and playtime each afternoon. She loves her treats and learning new skills.

Mambo and Peaches are both available at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter.

Make an appointment to meet them by calling (707) 940-9132. All adoptable dogs are spayed or neutered, microchipped, current on their vaccinations and tested for heartworm.

SPAY-GHETTI AND NO BALLS Put on your dancing shoes and come to the PAWty! Humboldt Spay Neuter Clinic and Companion Animal Foundation are bringing you a Spay-Ghetti and NO Balls Dinner and Dance Party on Saturday, Oct 14 at the Arcata Community Center across from HealthSPORT. Shake some tail to The Undercovers, prowl the silent auction, challenge yourself to animal Trivia with Dan the Animal Man, and enjoy a doggone great pasta dinner with all the

fixings! All proceeds will help those in need with the cost of spaying and neutering their pets. Purchase priority seating and feel like a top dog or a VIP (Very Important Pussycat). Contact karihsnn@gmail.com. This FUN-draiser starts at 5 p.m. and goes until you are tired and panting! Weather permitting, kitties and pups on-site to meet. Tickets at Wildberries Marketplace, Humboldt Pet Supply, Brown Paper Tickets and both non-profit organizations.

OBITUARY

Susan Ellisa MacConnie, June 13, 1952 – Sept. 22, 2023

“Sue is one of the kindest, most accomplished and thoughtful people I’ve ever met. Everything she attempted she conquered with immense interest and ultimate mastery. She did this while always maintaining her genuinely nice and caring character.”

“We’ve lost a brilliant friend, loving partner, dedicated educator, wood-working aficionado, amazing family member, and thoughtful, caring and curious woman.”

“Sue is a thoughtful, kind, compassionate and warm friend who is selfless and giving to others, but especially her friends.”

“Sue taught me to not only smell the roses, but to feel them, really see them, and even hear them (adding you have two ears and one mouth); and not just the roses, but the mountains, the ocean, the rivers, the trees, the stars, the moon, the sunrise and the sunset – oh how she loved the sunset.”

Sue, the first child of Annaliese and Walter, was born in Brooklyn, New York on June 13, 1952. Her family, which then included her brother, James, and sister, Betsy, moved to Commack, New York in 1961. In her youth, Sue played the violin and was an active participant in the high school orchestra and played in their annual musical productions. She was also an avid and accomplished athlete playing on many of the high school sports teams.

Sue was the first to go to college in her family. She attended SUNY Brockport and received her Bachelor’s Degree in Physical Education in 1974. At that point, she planned to get her teaching credential and become a high school physical education teacher. But a progressive mentor at Brockport University asked if she thought about pursuing advanced degrees so she could teach in higher education. That advice and encouragement changed her career trajectory. She enrolled at the University of Michigan and earned her Master’s degree in 1975.

Sue began her professional career in 1975 at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. She was hired as an instructor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. At the young age of 23 she started teaching Structure & Function of the Human Body, and Physiology of Exercise to students just a few years her junior. Sue was also hired as Whitewater’s Head Women’s Volleyball Coach and coached from 1975 – 1979. In addition to coaching volleyball, Sue served as the assistant basketball

coach from 1975-77 and assistant softball coach from 1978-79. Sue was an athlete’s dream coach because of her knowledge and experience (she played in the volleyball national championships while at Brockport in 1973), plus her gentle and inspiring demeanor. She inspired many female athletes to pursue teaching and coaching careers. During the summer of 2023 her student-athletes from 1975-79 made a tribute video for Sue. They described Sue as: caring, inspirational, intelligent, professional, trustworthy, positive, respectful, and a good listener who always made time for them.

Sue left UW-Whitewater in 1979 to pursue her Ph.D. at the University of Michigan (UofM), which she earned in 1985. While at UofM, she worked on a significant research project aimed at improving the health of elementary school children, the results of which were published in prestigious journals. At UofM she also studied male distance runners in collaboration with several Medical Doctors in the UofM School of Medicine. This area of study and research became her PhD dissertation, which was published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Outside of academics, she played on a coed volleyball team with many talented former college players. And she took up bicycling, first riding all over Ann Arbor and surrounding farmland. After that she trained for and did several touring adventures in New England and the Pacific northwest.

After earning her Doctoral degree, she worked as the Athletic Director at the employee fitness center for Standard Oil Company in Cleveland, Ohio. While she enjoyed aspects of that work, she felt her true calling was back in higher education. So, she moved to Humboldt County, California in 1989 where she started the next phase of her career at Humboldt State University. She started as an Associate Professor in the Department of Kinesiology and Recreation Administration, and Director of the Human Performance Lab, later advancing to Assistant then full Professor. Sue loved and cherished her time at HSU. To her core, Sue was student-centered. She believed – and led by example – that faculty was there to teach, mentor and support their students in all ways possible. In her early years, she had several cohorts of very special graduate students whom she maintained friendship with over many years. She also enjoyed and excelled in “university

service.” She served as Department Chair of the Kinesiology and Rec Admin Department for four years, and served on numerous college and university-wide committees. She served multiple terms on the Faculty Academic Senate, and was voted by her peers to serve as Chair, a high honor. Then President Rollin Richmond asked her as Senate Chair to sit on the President’s Advisory Council (at that time first faculty to be invited).

In 1994, Sue purchased a 5-acre labor-of-love property in Fieldbrook. Sue and her partner and love of her life, Carol Rische, spent the next 25-plus years cleaning it up, making improvements, landscaping, and creating an amazing shared vegetable garden (with tenants Dennis & Tim).

In 2014, Sue and Carol were married in Mendocino on their 20th anniversary with family and close friends. Mendocino was very special to them; they went every year and celebrated most anniversaries there. Over the years, Sue and Carol traveled extensively often times with family and friends. Favorite international destinations were New Zealand, Europe numerous times, Iceland, and a very special trip to South America and Antarctica with Carol’s mom Shirley. Sue and Carol also enjoyed much travel in the US and Canada, including numerous trips to the east coast, the San Juan Islands and Pacific Northwest, two trans Canada trips with visits to Canadian Rockies, as well as numerous trips up the Oregon coast, to Utah and Southwest, and Pacific Northwest in their Leisure Travel Van RV.

Sue had many talents and interests. She learned how to build things – woodsheds, arbors, gates with beautiful arches, decks, fences and garden beds on the Fieldbrook property. Later in life, she turned her attention to fine woodworking. After retiring from HSU, she enrolled in College of the Redwoods Woodworking Program. She took the entire cabinet-making and furniture-making series, and made stunningly beautiful furniture, wainscoting and a kitchen island for their Fieldbrook home. Sue also loved music and was a member of the Humboldt Light Opera Company (HLOC) for many years. She performed in several plays, and was part of the set-building crew for Pirates of Penzance. But her true love was HLOC’s women’s choir (aka the Babes). She especially loved and cherished the Altos with whom she developed very close friend-



ships and bonds. Sue was also an avid reader. She recently joined a well-established book club. She was welcomed in with open arms and hearts, and immediately made new friends. She was an avid and accomplished bar-b-quer too, mastering not only her gas grill but her extra-large Big Green Egg. And perhaps her deepest and most spiritual interest was nature. She loved the outdoors, especially mountains and lakes, and our magnificent coastal redwood & fir forests – which she often referred to as her cathedral. Above all, Sue loved her family. She always showed up and was engaged in all aspects of their lives.

Sue passed from our world, peacefully and at home as she wished, on Friday, Sept. 22, with her wife Carol, sister Betsy, and niece Courtney, by her side.

In addition to Carol, her brother Jim, and sister Betsy (with whom she shared a very special bond), she leaves behind beloved family members: her parents (whom she recently helped celebrate 75 years of marriage); brother-in-law Henry Bos; adored and adoring nieces and nephews Courtney (Mike) and Ryan (Danielle) Bos; Jayna (Allen) and Brian (Jessica) Haas; as well as three great nieces and nephews; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Diana and Al Sturla; aunts and uncles, as well as tens of younger cousins (many of whom shared that they were inspired by her); and countless friends who showed unwavering support and love over the many years Sue and Carol shared together.

Carol and Sue would like to acknowledge and thank, from the bot-

tom of our hearts, the many health care professionals who guided and supported us on Sue’s two-and-half year cancer journey... Dr. Joel Neal, Stanford Thoracic Oncology and his team; local oncologists Drs. Hardy and Shayeb who partnered well with Dr. Neal and offered competent and compassionate care up here; her nurse navigator Stephonie Zwald; and perhaps most importantly, the most committed nursing and medical assistant staff at St. Joseph Cancer Center who cared for and treated Sue (as they do hundreds in our community each week) – they are truly angels. We thank the ER and hospital staff, and especially surgeon Dr. Trui, for their competent and compassionate care during her hospitalizations. We also thank Hospice of Humboldt and their amazing staff for the most responsive, kind and compassionate end-of-life care and support. And finally, we would like to acknowledge and thank the Humboldt Breast and Gyn Project’s Stage 4 Cancer Support Group – Sue joined shortly after she was diagnosed; the guidance, support and friendship she received was invaluable on her journey.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Sue’s name to Hospice of Humboldt, Humboldt Breast and GYN Health Project, or the Humboldt Light Opera Company. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday Oct. 28. Details are not yet available. If interested in attending, please e-mail frefuge2@suddenlink.net.

Godspeed and happy trails, dear Sue. You will be missed by so many and beyond measure.

McK Union School District celebrates Silver and Gold status for exceptional PBIS implementation

McKinleyville Union School District

McKinleyville – McKinleyville Union School District is thrilled to announce a significant achievement in the field of education.

Three of our schools have been awarded the prestigious Silver and Gold status for their outstanding implementation of Positive Behavior Support and Intervention (PBIS). This remarkable recognition highlights our commitment to fostering a positive and supportive learning environment for all students.

PBIS is a proactive approach to establishing the behavioral supports and social culture needed for all students in a school to achieve both social and academic success. The framework emphasizes teaching behavioral expectations and rewarding positive behavior, ensuring that students have the necessary skills to excel academically while developing into responsible and respectful citizens.

Dow's Prairie School, Morris School, and McKinleyville Middle School have been diligently working on PBIS implementation, and their efforts have been rewarded with the following distinctions:

Silver Status – McKinleyville Middle School

- Leaders at MMS have been partnering with a local grant to resurface previous Tier 1 practices, and to use data to help provide staff with ongoing training in key PBIS practices.

Two areas of focus have been bolstering the explicit teaching of school-wide behavior expectations, and specific praise and tickets to help build relationships and recognize desired student behaviors.

Support staff have also built a Request for Assistance system around student data to efficiently determine which students need which supports and how to communicate and monitor this with staff and families.

Gold Status – Dow's Prairie School, Morris School

- Dow's Prairie has focused on expanding our Tier 2 team, we have focused on what targeted supports are available to students, how students can access those supports and on measuring the effectiveness of our academic, behavioral and social/emotional interventions to ensure that provided supports are meeting student needs.

We also continued to ensure that our Tier 1 systems were helping to meet student needs by explicitly teaching our expectations to students across all settings of the campus as well as acknowledging students meeting those expectations with behavior specific praise.

- Morris staff meets regularly to carefully analyze the academic and behavioral needs of grade levels as well as individual students. Morris School is proud of its team-based, problem-solving approach, encouraging students to make strong academic and pro-social choices while also providing students with appropriate interventions to support their academic and social-emotional needs.

These prestigious awards reflect the hard work, dedication, and collaboration of our school staff, students, parents, and the entire MUSD community. The success of PBIS implementation is a testament to our commitment to providing a safe and nurturing environment that encourages positive behavior and academic excellence.

“Our leadership teams have worked so hard over the last few years to build our PBIS systems and you can feel the difference when you walk onto the campus. I am so proud to see each school “level up” this year to the next award—it is exciting to see their hard work and dedication recognized!” said Superintendent Julie Giannini-Previde.

McKinleyville Union School District will continue to invest in the well-being and success of our students by expanding and enhancing PBIS strategies across all our schools. We remain dedicated to creating a positive and inclusive educational experience for every student, ensuring that they have the support and resources they need to thrive.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Dow's Prairie School, Morris School and McKinleyville Middle School for their exceptional achievements in PBIS implementation. Their success sets a shining example for all our schools and underscores the strength of our McKinleyville community.

For more information or media inquiries, please contact Superintendent Julie Giannini-Previde at (707) 839.1549, ext. 1000, jgiannini@mckusd.org.

McKinleyville Union School District is a TK school district located in the growing community of McKinleyville on the North Coast of California. Committed to maximizing every student's success in a nurturing and inclusive environment, we strive to empower every student to reach their full potential.

Cal Poly | A turbulent time for a transitioning CPH

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Gordon's letter isn't without positive news. It notes the steady progression of the polytechnic conversion, with new academic programs and facilities created or in the process.

VP Sherie Cornish Gordon's letter

Dear Campus Community,

Cal Poly Humboldt's 2023-24 Operating Fund Budget has been finalized and is available on our public facing budget dashboards, OpenBook. The 2023-24 Operating Fund Budget reflects 6 percent growth at \$158.7 million. I want to give a sincere thank you to our University Resources & Planning Committee (URPC) for their thoughtful and forward-thinking budget recommendation.

While some elements of the recommendation could not be fully implemented due to changing budget conditions (see the detailed response to URPC Recommendation), the contemplation and care taken by the committee to develop the recommendation was remarkable.

The 2023-24 Operating Fund Budget is reflective of several milestones: The budget is balanced. A healthy and manageable 2 to 3 percent growth in enrollment this year. The successful launch of 15 new polytechnic academic programs. Place-based learning communities have been expanded to support 74 percent of first-year students. Our first polytechnic capital project is underway and campus physical planning is progressing along well. One-time resources (albeit most of which are restricted or earmarked) remain strong. I would be remiss not to mention the changes that have occurred since the Spring that tighten our budget position and the financial challenges that lie ahead. At a state level, the State of California's budget deficit has grown to \$31.5 billion. At a system level, the California State University has insufficient funding available to address cost pressures and support system priorities.

In September, the CSU Board of Trustees approved a five-year tuition increase of 6 percent per year at the September Board of Trustees meeting as one mechanism in a larger effort to develop a sustainable financial model.

In addition, the Board of Trustees also approved the 2024-25 CSU Budget Plan totalling \$557 million in new sources.

At a campus level, we have three major factors that will continue to shift our financial trajectory over the next few years that will require thoughtful planning and strategizing as we move forward: Cost escalation continues with utilities costs up 60 percent — a \$1.4 million increase this year. Student enrollment growth is more modest than initially anticipated in our planning and we are still about 30 percent below our system-funded enrollment target of 7,603 annual resident full-time equivalent students (FTES). While growth is anticipated, we are overfunded until we meet and exceed our annual resident FTES target. Enrollment recalibration will occur in 2024-25. The CSU will pull back 5 percent of our enrollment target and associated state appropriation, reducing campus funding by close to \$3.4 million. The outcome of collective bargaining, which is taking place at the CSU system level, represents a significant



Sherie Cornish Gordon

With gratitude,
Sherie Cornish Gordon
Vice President for
Administration & Finance

RE-ENTRY SCHOLARSHIPS The Humboldt Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is now accepting applications for its Re-Entry Scholarships. Women attending Cal Poly Humboldt in either upper level or graduate programs and have at least five years since attending earlier collegiate education programs are eligible. Scholarship range is \$1,000 to \$2,000. Application deadline is Nov. 1. See eligibility requirements and the application at humboldt-ca.aauw.net/education/scholarship.

ALTRUISM TALK Join Maral Attallah and Ronnie Swartz for the Altruistic Behavior Institute's 2023-24 Conversations on Altruism with guest Cheryl Seidner Tuesday, Oct. 10 from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Cal Poly Humboldt Native Forum. These public conversations promote the work of institute founders Sam and Pearl Oliner and join seasoned academics, researchers, practitioners and educators with a new generation of those interested in possibilities for doing good.



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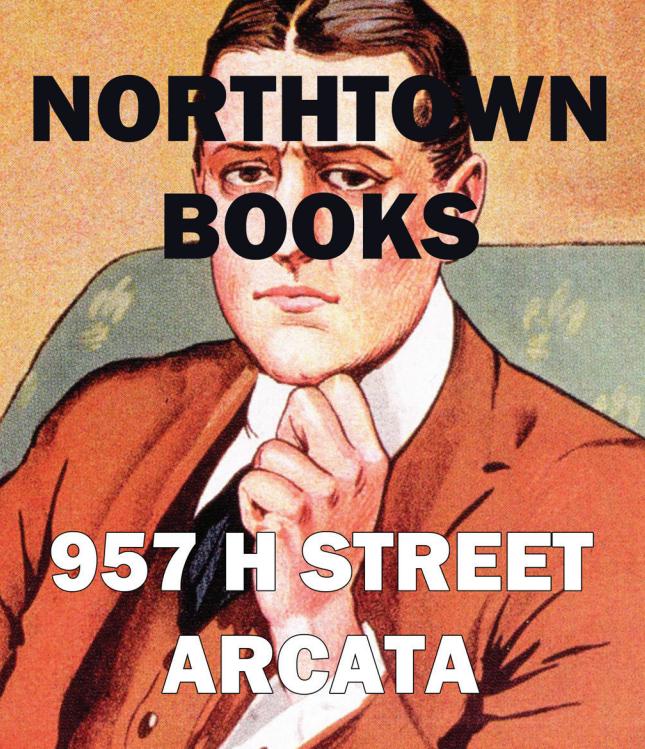
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COASTAL COMMENT 350 Humboldt’s Outreach & Action Committee was decked out in aquatic gear on U.S. Highway 101 Friday, bearing their Burma Shave-style signs alerting motorists driving alongside Humboldt Bay that in 30 years, their route will be submerged by rising seas. The last sign at upper right completes the non-rhyme, and reads “will be underwater.” The “350” refers to 350 parts per million (ppm), which scientists have identified as the safe upper limit of carbon dioxide (CO2) concentration in the atmosphere. Beyond this level, the planet is more susceptible to the devastating effects of global warming and climate change. According to *co2.earth*, the level is now at 418.3 ppm, having risen 2.51 ppm (0.60 percent) in just the past year. For those who need a more rhymey roadside message, how about, “*The atmosphere/Is getting hotter/in 30 years/We’ll be underwater.*” *350.org* PHOTOS COURTESY LEE DEDINI | 350 HUMBOLDT

See who’s not driving this week, and why

COALITION FOR RESPONSIBLE TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

HUMBOLDT — This week, Oct. 2 through Oct. 8, 2023, is the first National Week Without Driving. About 30 percent of Americans can’t drive. Many of those who can’t drive are children, some are seniors, and many others have disabilities or other reasons for not driving, such as not being able to afford a car. Local data are hard to come by, but with higher disability and poverty rates than the national average, it’s possible that an even greater percentage of Humboldt County residents can’t drive.

The Week Without Driving is an invitation for anyone who wants to participate – but particularly for elected officials, transportation planners, and other decision-makers – to get some first-hand experience of what it is like to live without the option of driving, here in our local communities. Hundreds of organizations across the country are hosting local Week Without Driving pledges and events. The Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities (CRTP) is coordinating on the North Coast.

Local leaders pledge to participate

As of this release, 23 local residents in Humboldt County have pledged to participate in the Week Without Driving, including eight elected officials. The City of Eureka also issued a formal proclamation recognizing the Week Without Driving.

Learn more and take the pledge at transportationpriorities.org/weekwithoutdriving. Leaders who have already pledged to participate include:

Elected officials

Natalie Arroyo, Humboldt County supervisor

Scott Bauer, Eureka city councilmember

Kim Bergel, mayor of Eureka

Renee Contreras-DeLoach, Eureka city councilmember

G. Mario Fernandez, Eureka city councilmember

Debra Garnes, mayor of Rio Dell

Meredith Matthews, Arcata vice mayor

Alex Stillman, Arcata city councilmember

Planners and other local leaders

Caitlin Castellano, Eureka senior planner

Lisa Dugan, McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee chair

Julie Fulkerson, Fulkerson & Associates

David Loya, Arcata community development director

Stevie Luther, Humboldt County Association of Governments associate regional planner

Jerome Qiriaz, Humboldt Transit Authority transit planner

Topher Reynolds, Copious Glass

Oona Smith, Humboldt County Association of Governments senior regional

planner

Quotes from participants

Natalie Arroyo, Humboldt County supervisor: “This is a great opportunity to go about daily life in a new way, thinking more critically about how transportation systems in our community work, who they work for, and what alternatives exist. As a leader in this community, it is important to me for people to be able to thrive without relying on car ownership, to be able to use transit in their lives, and to have the opportunity make climate-friendly transportation choices on a frequent basis.”

Debra Garnes, mayor of Rio Dell: “More than getting a little exercise, or about feeling the crisp fresh air, or even helping the environment, it’s about gaining a truer understanding of what it’s like to not have that car in the driveway. What it means to have to plan your travel to someone else’s schedule. Having to figuring out what to do with yourself when your only means of transportation gets you to your destination an hour early because otherwise, you’d get there an hour late. And, oh my goodness, you have a car but who can afford the gas. Sure, a week without driving will help the environment a little but more importantly, it will help us gain appreciation for those who voluntarily take mass transit daily and empathy for those who must. It’ll teach us to appreciate our bus drivers and taxi drivers and Uber type drivers. It’ll show us the gaps that need to be filled in our transit system to make it more viable for all of us to use. And, it’ll help us to understand why supporting mass transit is vital to our community’s wellbeing and our economic wellbeing. Join us in supporting a Week Without Driving.”

G. Mario Fernandez, Eureka city councilmember: “As much as our city plans for improved walkability and bikeability it doesn’t necessarily mean increased accessibility. Planning not to drive for a week should not cause such anxiety! I would hope that we come away from this challenge with not only ideas to improve public transit services and accessibility, but also empathy and understanding of those without the ability to drive where they need to go.”

Colin Fiske, executive director of CRTP: “It’s a common misconception that, because we live in a rural region, everyone has a car and can drive. In fact, a lot of local people can’t or don’t drive, because of age, disability, income, or other reasons. When we make development and transportation decisions assuming that everyone will drive, we create difficult and often unsafe or unhealthy conditions for these community members. The Week Without Driving provides an opportunity for decision makers and leaders to get some important insights into the experiences of people who can’t drive.”

County undermining Climate Action Plan

Fuzzy math weakens pollution reduction targets

EPIC/CRTP

EUREKA — Humboldt County environmental advocates are demanding that local jurisdictions take climate planning seriously.

Spurred by the advocacy of local environmental groups, Humboldt County began developing a regional Climate Action Plan five years ago. In those five years, worldwide atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide have increased by ten parts per million (from 408 to 418 ppm). Meanwhile, a draft plan released in April 2022 has languished, and now Humboldt County is proposing to weaken the Climate Action Plan by adopting fuzzy math to limit the amount of climate action necessary to meet state targets.

Humboldt County is proposing to ignore state guidance that directs jurisdictions to avoid quantifying point source emissions in their Climate Action Plans because local jurisdictions are generally preempted from regulating these kinds of emissions. By including point source emissions, Humboldt County can claim climate action without actually reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Here’s how: Climate targets are based off of 1990 emissions estimates. Since 1990, and unrelated to climate change, a number of large point sources of greenhouse gas emissions have closed, like the Samoa pulp mill in 2008. As a result, by considering point source emissions like the Samoa pulp mill, Humboldt County is proposing to claim that it has already met or almost met its greenhouse gas reduction targets without reducing current emissions at all.

Climate activists are furious at the misdirection.

“Through clever accounting, Humboldt County is proposing a Climate Action Plan that fails to actually reduce greenhouse gas emissions,” said Matt Simmons, staff attorney at the Environmental Protection Information Center. “We know that climate change is directly impacting the North Coast, from sea level rise to warmer waters in salmon-bearing rivers to increased fire behavior. Failure to plan for emissions reductions fails Humboldt.”

“Through this climate bait-and-switch, Humboldt County is only making attainment of future climate reduction targets more difficult,” said Colin Fiske, executive director of the Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities. “We are obligated to reach net-zero emissions by 2045. The path to reach that target is virtually impossible without ambitious action now.”

“Rising ocean temperatures are harming a wide range of marine organisms off

our coast, and the Humboldt Bay area is ground zero for impacts from sea level rise, which is increasing at roughly double the rate of other areas, threatening our remaining salt marshes and other ecosystems that make the Bay so unique,” said Jen Kalt, executive director of Humboldt Baykeeper. “Humboldt County needs to be part of the global solution to climate change and that means actual emissions reductions.”

“We know what we need to do to reduce our emissions and fight the climate crisis—we need more walkable communities, more bike infrastructure, more public transit, and less sprawl—but apparently Humboldt County lacks the will to actually do what is necessary,” said Caroline Griffith, executive director of the Northcoast Environmental Center. “This is a failure of leadership, not of science.”

“Climate change is already wreaking havoc on people in this country with fires, floods, drought, and extreme heat,” said Nancy Ihara of the 350 Humboldt Steering Committee. “It is hard to imagine that an imperfect, but at least aspirational document, Humboldt County’s draft CAP is to be replaced by one that does almost nothing. Let’s pick our highest priorities and get them done!”

Climate advocates point to other areas where Humboldt County has failed to take climate change seriously. The county has yet to create a single staff position dedicated to climate action. In 2019, the Board of Supervisors moved to create a Climate Advisory Committee. Climate activists are still waiting for that committee to be formed. Environmental advocates had to threaten litigation to force the incorporation of greenhouse gas reduction measures for the North McKay Subdivision. One of the Humboldt County Planning Commissioners has expressed a belief that climate action was part of “Agenda 21” an “extremist conspiracy theory about a secret plot to impose a totalitarian world government in the name of environmentalism,” as summarized by the *Lost Coast Outpost*. And if the county doesn’t get its act together and adopt a serious Climate Action Plan soon, it will also be leaving money on the table – like the \$4.6 billion in federal Climate Pollution Reduction Grants available to communities that have adopted a plan by March of next year.

“Environmental voters are going to be looking at what elected officials actually do to fight the climate crisis,” said Melodie Meyer, co-director of the Redwood Coalition for Climate and Environmental Responsibility. “We are tired of empty promises. We need leaders to actually lead.”

Crimson musher’s puppy-propelled Iditawrong journey brings a big bash ‘n’ clash

• **Thursday, September 21 1:29 a.m.** Wee-hour wardrobe malfunctions embolded Fickle Hill Road in the Park Avenue/Bayview Street area. There, an apparently nude man reposed along the side of the road, while another man-like creature strode about wearing “colorful basketball shorts,” and that’s just not done.

6:39 a.m. Sure, leave your whole iPad rig in your car in a Valley West parking lot overnight. What could go wrong?

1:15 p.m. An 11th Street

woman reported being pickpocketed in her sleep by a non-human “tormentor.”

3:07 p.m. Who steals someone’s wheelchair valued at more than \$950 from the hospital? The user would like it back.

• **Friday, September 22, 6:33 a.m.** Hysteria reigned near the Community Center when a man argued with a woman whom he alleged had stolen his bag.

7:20 a.m. A camper nestled in the side hedge of a Sunny Brae dentist’s office set his devises a-suckling at the hapless teat of an electron-providing outside electrical outlet.

8:16 a.m. A skunk got stuck in a gutter outside a Janes Creek Drive house.

8:46 a.m. Preschools generally look askance at aimless stoners slumping around back and forth out front.

8:59 a.m. Morning cocktails left one man slumped over the steering wheel of his SUV with the motor running at Valley East Boulevard and Hallen Drive. He was awoken and arrested.

9:59 a.m. An Old Arcata Road apartment dweller awoke to find that during the night, someone had tried to tinker their way into her home by unscrewing a front door lock.

11:05 a.m. When someone trying to clean up after a large encampment in the wilds west of M Street cut their hand on broken glass, police were asked to come and move the campers

along... but to where?

12:09 p.m. Staff at a Creamery District business clashed with a red-haired woman whose wagon, being pulled by a team of six puppies, struck multiple cars in the parking lot. So growly was the clash that worker and musher had to be separated. At issue wasn’t so much the well-being of the cars, but the health of the Iditawrong contestant’s perambulating pupsters.

12:17 p.m. If you must get crashed into by a big-ass pickup truck on Giuntoli Lane, make sure the driver isn’t as “unlicensed, uninsured and under the influence” as this arrestee was.

1:52 p.m. High schoolers outside Stewart School were seen partaking from the bong of knowledge, or something, in a white SUV.

2:06 p.m. Tranquility in the sleepy shire of Sunny

Brae was shattered by a man in tan pants screaming obscenities and playing music.

7:41 p.m. A bearded man in a hoodie – yeah, *him* – went maniacal at a charming Plaza bistro, throwing chairs and yelling at people.

10:11 p.m. Problematic manchildren inducing need less strife at an H Street social establishment were clad, respectively, in a tan shirt plus a glasses/board combo and a Red Bluff short with plaid shorts. They were trespassed out.

10:31 p.m. A male type unable to meet the refined standards of a G Street theatre lounge was expelled despite his coordinated black pants and tank top ensemble, then set himself on an unsustainable course to go right back inside and repeat the cycle.

• **Saturday, September 23 2:21 a.m.** Several women ganged up to administer

a beating to another woman in Bret Harte Alley.

1:31 p.m. Police were notified that an Honor Guard detachment was to fire a volley at 2 p.m., so all the pending *pow-pow-pow* would be innocuous.

5:19 p.m. When a Stromberg Avenuer asked some guys to get off her property, they offered to burn down her house.

5:35 p.m. A Foster Avenue apartment dweller let a friendly male stay over for several days, and when he was gone, so was miscellaneous jewelry and even her Wi-Fi router.

• **Monday, September 25 a.m.** A Plaza bank’s security guard reported having to “fend off” a methy type bearing fresh needle marks. As he did so, still another tweaker-American turned up to steal stuff from the first guy’s cart.

Solution to Crossword:

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OPINION

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Arcata and McKinleyville could be bigger without even growing

Arc/McK merger worth considering

Thanks to Alex Stillman for making me blink. The idea of merging Arcata and McKinleyville into one city is worth some consideration. What a concept. As the two communities share fire services, why not expand into a shared governing group.

As a McKinleyville resident, I feel that there would be much better chances of having some say in the way my taxes are spent. Paying to the county does not bring top investment where I live.

I would much rather have direct repre-

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sentation, rather than an advisory board giving input to the county. In the end, it will be about taxes, and the services received. I think the city of Baduwa't could provide a good option.

I wish other community members had been asked their opinion. I think it's unfortunate that Mr. Jenkins was so critical. I think he was surprised, and somehow feels this idea undermines the work he and others have put in on incorporation.

To me, this is still part of an incorpora-

tion discussion, and now is the time to welcome new ideas.

I was discouraged to read his remark about the differences between communities. Without any facts, just his opinion, he stated a large gulf in views between the communities. This type of talk only contributes to further division rather than accepting other views.

Politics should not determine whether a better community for everyone might be entertained.

Let the voters decide.

Tom Lurtz
Bayside

Maximum tininess at the county library

If you want to smile, go see the delightful Tiny Art Exhibit on the second floor of the Eureka Humboldt County library.

Over 600 Humboldt artists of all ages made art on tiny 3- by 3-inch canvases handed out by the library.

The exhibit is up this month and it is really great to see.

Thank you to all the artists and the library for this enchanting and fun art exhibit.

Emily Siegel
Eureka

Ageism Awareness Day is this Saturday – learn of its impacts and how to counter it

AREA 1 AGENCY ON AGING

EUREKA – Area 1 Agency on Aging and the American Society on Aging will celebrate Ageism Awareness Day Saturday, Oct. 7.

Modeled after the United Nations' International Day of Older Persons (Oct. 1), Ageism Awareness Day provides an opportunity to draw attention to the existence and impact of ageism in our society.

"We live in an aging society, which is a wonderful, remarkable thing," says ASA's Interim President & CEO Leanne Clark-Shirley, Ph.D. "But too many of us view aging with fear, denial and even hostility. We are all growing

older. We can't afford to limit ourselves and other people with such negative and harmful views, and why would we want to? Let's lean into the opportunities, diversity and full range of experiences that come with aging."

The most widespread and socially accepted form of prejudice, ageism is defined by the World Health Organization as "the stereotypes (how we think), prejudices (how we feel) and discrimination (how we act) towards others or oneself based on age."

Evidence shows ageism is widespread in society and can be found everywhere, from our workplaces and health systems to

stereotypes we see on TV, advertising and in the media.

A few facts about ageism, which affects people of any age and harms all:

- There are many forms of ageism, including internalized, cultural, implicit and benevolent.
- Ageism decreases quality of life and can shorten lifespan by 7.5 years.
- Although it is universal, people do not always take ageism as seriously as they do other forms of inequity.
- Ageism intersects with, and exacerbates, all other discriminatory "isms."
- In the media, underrepre-

sented older adults most often reflect negative stereotypes.

- According to the United Nations, on a global scale, one in two people are ageist.

For a great view of Ageism, watch Ashton Applewhite's Ted Talk: [ted.com/talks/ashton_applewhite_let_s_end_ageism?language=en](https://www.ted.com/talks/ashton_applewhite_let_s_end_ageism?language=en). The Humboldt Senior Resource Center will show this Ted Talk at their Eureka lunch site, 1910 California St., Friday, Oct. 6 at noon and again at 12:30 p.m.

"Area 1 Agency on Aging joins the American Society on Aging to help raise awareness about ageism and its harms," adds Maggie

Kraft, executive director at A1AA, "so we can each take steps to change how we feel and act about aging."

Area 1 Agency on Aging has been providing leadership and services to support and promote healthy aging in Humboldt and Del Norte counties since 1980. We envision a community where older persons and those with disabilities have access to resources that promote choice and quality of life. For information about A1AA, visit a1aa.org.

The American Society on Aging unites, empowers, and champions everyone working in aging. asaging.org.

Fishermans Feast, McKay Birdathon, Civic Club and as always, the lighthouse

The Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce invites the Trinidad community and beyond to come to the Second Annual Fishermans Feast on Saturday, Oct. 7 from noon to 5 p.m. at Trinidad School, 300 Trinity St.

Enjoy a meal of fresh fish and sides along with live music and local beverages. The Trinidad School Rock Band, Clare Bent and Citizen Fund and Dad & Company are the lively musical offerings through the afternoon.

The event is being organized in support of Trinidad's local fishermen with fresh fish from the pier.

Tickets are \$20 per person for the meal, with vegetarian options available. Beverages \$5. Proceeds from the event will support the Blessing of the Fleet on Thanksgiving Day.

Across the street from the school in the Club Room, Town Hall, a Dessert Café organized by the Trinidad Civic Club, will offer delicious desserts all afternoon.

Moreover, a Secondhand Spree will be set up in the Town Hall. Jewelry, decorative ware, art, vintage objects and more will be offered for sale. Marsha Hughes is the chairman.

If you have items to donate, email her at marsha93063@yahoo.com or call (805) 428-3444.

Eighth Annual Tim McKay Memorial Birdathon, Oct. 1-10

Gail Kenny, president of the Redwood Region Audubon Society (RRAS), announces the 8th Annual Birdathon.

She writes: "I love birds, and nature in general. They

bring me joy. I also care deeply about the natural environment and do what I can to conserve and heal it for all the critters that depend on it. RRAS gives me the opportunity to share my passion and take care of the environment. We do an annual fundraiser called a Birdathon. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. It not only supports RRAS, we share it with the Northcoast Environmental Center. This year I am helping to fundraise for the Wandering Tallier's team, named after the shorebirds called Wandering Tattlers. Please consider making a pledge for the number of bird species seen by this team on their big day or a flat donation to support these two organizations." Gail adds that if you cannot afford a donation, plant a native tree this month.

Gary Friedrichsen of the Northcoast Environmental Center, the co-sponsor of the Birdathon, describes the effort: "Most of you know what a Birdathon is but, for those unacquainted, our team is requesting donations for each species of bird we encounter..." It's possible to observe a 100 species or more in October. Friedrichsen urges: "Whether it's a nickel per bird or more, it all adds up... a 10 cent/bird donation would be about \$10. You can also choose a flat fee if that is more to your liking. Payments can be made electronically with PayPal via rras.org/special-donations.aspx. In the comments enter "birdathon-Wandering Talliers" or you can write a check made out to RRAS. Mail the check to Gary Friedrichsen, P.O. Box 890 Arcata, CA 95518."

Here are the mission statements of the two Birdathon

sponsors:

"The mission of the Northcoast Environmental Center is to promote understanding of the relations between people and the biosphere and to conserve, protect, and celebrate terrestrial, aquatic, and marine ecosystems of northern California and southern Oregon."

"Redwood Region Audubon Society advocates for the protection of birds and other wildlife by increasing the understanding and appreciation of the natural world, and by initiating and supporting local conservation and education efforts."

Trinidad Civic Club's monthly gathering Oct. 5

Trinidad Civic Club Co-Presidents Jan West and Dana Hope invite members and guests to the monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 5 starting at 10 a.m. for the business meeting.

Participation in the Alzheimer's Walk scheduled for Oct. 14 and an update on the Memorial Lighthouse at the Harbor project will be on the agenda.

Trinidad Head Lighthouse open Saturday, Oct. 7

The First Saturday Trinidad Head Open House will take place Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon courtesy of the Bureau of Land Management/California Coastal National Monument, the Trinidad Rancheria and Trinidad Museum volunteer docents.

Pedestrian access up Lighthouse Road, approximately one half mile to the open gate. Pets on leash, please. Open house occurs irrespective of weather conditions. The lighthouse grounds are open all day however lighthouse tours are limited to the two-hour time frame.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.



ADA | California's northernmost accessible beach

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the park's northern parking lot and was installed last spring. It was the county's second try at enabling ADA beach access at the park.

Smith said the county's original plan was to provide "beach access wheelchairs" but it didn't work out because "the sand out at Clam Beach was too fine and soft to accommodate beach wheelchairs from the parking lot to the hard pack sand."

But the five-foot-wide removable polyester mat has opened beach access to a variety of users, including those lack stable footing or use canes.

"This project has gotten a lot of positive feedback from the community," said Smith.

He read a quote from Juliannah Harris, the assistive technology coordinator for Tri-County Independent Living, who has low vision.

"The uneven terrain of typical beaches makes me fall," Harris said. "For the first time ever, I felt secure and safe independently walking on the beach and this unique mat system will really benefit the disability community."

Harris described the mat instal-

lation as a "transformational project."

Smith also related comments from a coworker who "took her elderly parents to visit the beach" and said her mother was especially appreciative because "she never thought she would be able to walk on the beach again."

Clam Beach County Park is "now the most northernmost accessible beach in California," Smith said.

Also in the project mix is a \$1.5 million upgrade of toilet and showers at the county correctional facility, and upgrades of "hydration stations" for drinking and filling water bottles.

ADA projects to be done in 2024 include completion of the county building in Eureka entrance remodel, juvenile hall and renovation of various county offices and satellite buildings.

Remodeling of county courthouse restrooms will include creation of two "all gender" ADA-accessible restrooms.

Supervisors emphasized the importance of the work. "There's a lot of places people with disabilities still can't into but we're making great progress," said Supervisor

Rex Bohn, who asked how much the county has spent on the projects so far.

Smith said the amount will be \$21 million by the end of the year, out of a total tab of \$49 million for all the projects on the county's list.

The county was slow on the draw with the ADA work, which Bohn noted when he said the total cost would have been \$18 million "if it wouldn't have been kicked down the road."

Supervisor Mike Wilson also acknowledged action was "bumpy and grumpy at first" but joined other supervisors in crediting the three-member ADA compliance team and county staff for the work done.

Supervisor Michelle Bushnell said the county's been responsive to ADA issues raised by residents of her district. "If you're not a disabled person, you really can't realize how it makes you feel if you can't enter a building," she said.

Supervisor Natalie Arroyo noted that the list of county ADA projects includes more than 120 facilities and said ADA compliance is "a big civil rights issue and I think we're addressing it head-on."

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tioned factor – and something of an escape hatch out of some ongoing impasses over the core issues – was that the GAP is being forged as a "living document." That makes possible adoption of various standards such as building height on a provisional basis, subject to revision as new information, such as with standards of fire coverage, comes in.

Asked to informally rate their support for the draft GAP's policy on building height, massing and density on the gradients of approval scale, Mayor Sarah Schaefer gave it a 1, Vice Mayor Meredith Matthews a 1, and Councilmember Kimberley White a 2. White expressed concern about building setbacks and setbacks, the lack of which could, she said, create "monoliths."

Next up was the GAP's Community Benefits standards. Planco Chair Scott Davies said building heights are directly related to public gain. "The higher the building, the more density we get, more leverage we have to bring community benefits into the community," he said.

White said benefits ought to serve the public at large, and not,

as in the case of on-site Wi-Fi, help only just the residents of the buildings, and Schaefer and Matthews agreed.

They also agreed that the Planco should reconsider the GAP's Community Benefits section, revisiting point values assigned to the various benefits to reflect the emphasis on community accessibility.

All the councilmembers rated their support as a 1, based on the revisability of the living document.

Inclusionary zoning – the ratio of affordable units – brought forth the complexities of balancing deed restrictions requiring inexpensive homes, presently set at 4 and 9 percent for very low- and low-income households – with the potential for developers to simply opt out of the GAP in favor of more lucrative state density bonus standards. That would negate the GAP's Community Benefits scheme.

"Really, we're just trying to find that sweet spot where projects are attractive and get built," said Commissioner Dan Tangney.

Rating the draft GAP's inclusionary zoning levels, Schaefer and Matthews gave them a "supportive with minor concerns" 2, and White a less enthused 2.5. White advocated exploration of alternative affordable housing models.



PASTELS ON THE PLAZA The annual Pastels on the Plaza takes place Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. See local artists create masterpieces on the sidewalks surrounding the Arcata Plaza. MATT FILAR | UNION

PETER AND THE WOLF Come to the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. in Arcata for an all-ages performance of *Peter and the Wolf* and *The Golden Goose* and experience the magic of live theater. *Peter and the Wolf* and *The Golden Goose* plays on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 6 and 7 at 7 p.m. with a matinee performance on Sunday, Oct. 8 at 3 p.m. with doors opening 30 minutes before showtimes. (707) 822-1575, playhousearts.org

THE GOLDEN RULE Which Way The Wind will present a special homecoming celebration, including music and refreshments, for the Golden Rule on Sunday, Oct. 8 beginning at noon at Samoa Women’s Club, 115 Ride-out Ave. The Golden Rule was the first of the environmental and peace vessels to go to sea. Scheduled speakers include representatives from Veterans For Peace’s Golden Rule Project, environmental professionals and others who have helped with and supported the boat’s restoration. All are welcome to attend this celebration. A suggested donation is \$20. vfpgoldenruleproject.org, whichwaythewind.org

FISHERMANS FEAST The Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the second annual Fishermans Feast on Saturday, Oct. 7 from noon to 5 p.m. at Trinidad School, 300 Trinity St., Trinidad. Come enjoy a meal of fresh fish and sides along with live music and local beverages. Live music by Dad & Company, the Trinidad School Rock Band, and Clare Bent & Citizen Funk will start at noon and go all day. This event is being held to support our local fishermen, with fish coming straight from the docks in Trinidad! Tickets are \$20 (includes lunch, vegetarian options available), drinks \$5. Proceeds from this event will go toward the Blessing of the Fleet

ETHNIC FOOD AND DANCE FESTIVAL The vibrant community of St. Innocent Orthodox Church is pleased to announce the return of its annual Ethnic Food and Dance Festival on Saturday, Oct. 7 from noon to 4 p.m., on the grounds of St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 939 F St., Eureka. Guests can expect an array of cultural delights, from traditional Greek foods to the lively tunes of the international folk band and local favorite, Chubritza. Notable attractions include the “4th of July Gyro Booth” making its final appearance for this year, along with the enchanting Russian tea room serving international delicacies. Hourly Byzantine choir performances will complement guided tours of the church, which stands as the oldest church building in Eureka, constructed in 1883. Admission is free, and all are warmly invited to join in the festivities. eurekafirstchurch.com

ARCATA VETS HALL BARN DANCE Humboldt Folklife Society is pleased to announce the next Barn Dance will take place on Friday, Nov. 10 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Arcata Veteran’s Hall, 1425 J St., Arcata. Come get your yee-haws out with caller Lindsey Battle and foot stomp-in’ music by Cider Mill. Admission is \$10 for members/seniors/students/veterans, \$15 general and free for kids 12 and under.

THE EUREKA SYMPHONY begins its 2023-24 season at the Arkley Center, 412 G St., Eureka on Friday, Oct. 6 and Saturday, Oct. 7. The season starts with a musical journey across nine centuries. Handel’s *Water Music Suite #2*, composed in 1717 for a royal jaunt on the Thames, is followed by *Rainbow Body*, by Christopher Theofanidis, which transports a melody by the 12th century mystic composer Hildegard of Bingen to the 21st century. The evening closes with Niels Gade’s *Symphony No. 3 in A minor, Opus 14*. Gade is recognized as a preeminent musician of the 19th century, during what is known as the Danish Golden Age. Doors open at 7:30 p.m, show starts at 8 p.m. All ages. Tickets prices vary, from \$49-\$19. (707) 845-3655, eurekasymphony.org

JERRY’S MIDDLE FINGER performs Friday, Oct. 6 and Saturday, Oct. 7 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. Humbly formed in 2015 by a group of musicians passionate

about Jerry Garcia and the Grateful Dead, Jerry’s Middle Finger soon was playing all around the West Coast, dazzling new fans on the scene and pulling even the most discerning Jerry fanatics out of their seats for the first time in decades. Doors open at 8:30 p.m, show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$20 at the door. (707) 826-BREWS, humbrews.com

DEFINITELY DEAD performs Friday, Oct. 6 at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St., Arcata. Definitely Dead is a dynamic Grateful Dead tribute band whose members skillfully breathe new life into the iconic band’s timeless legacy. Each member brings their unique talents and experiences to every room they play, resulting in a powerful synergy that captivates audiences and keeps the spirit of the Grateful Dead alive. Doors open at 5 p.m., show starts at 5:30 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. (707) 630-5000, arcatatheatrelounge.com

MOLLY TUTTLE AND GOLDEN HIGHWAY performs Saturday, Oct. 7 at the Van Duzer Theatre, Cal Poly Humboldt. Northern California native Molly Tuttle’s exceptional guitar playing, heart-felt songwriting and the cohesive sound of her band Golden Highway have garnered critical acclaim and a dedicated fanbase. Together, they create a musical experience that blends traditional roots music with a contemporary sensibility. All ages. Doors open at 7 p.m., show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 general and free for Cal Poly Humboldt students. (707) 826-3928, centerarts.humboldt.edu

MERSIV performs Sunday, Oct. 8 at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St., Arcata. The Mersiv Sound Project is the brainchild of Anderson Benoit Gallegos. The producer/DJ has been developing a unique pretty dark loud style of bass music since he started his musical journey in 2015. The intentions of this project are to bring people into the present

moment through a Mersiv experience. Doors open at 8 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 18 and over. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. (707) 630-5000, arcatatheatrelounge.com

REHAB performs Monday, Oct. 9 at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St., Arcata. Rehab is an American Southern hip hop group from Georgia. The band has recorded seven albums, including two each for Epic Records, Universal Republic and Average Joes Entertainment. Currently the band is Independent with distribution from ONErpm. They are mainly known for their 2008 hit, *Bartender Song (Sittin’ at a Bar)*. Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m. 18 and over. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. (707) 630-5000, arcatatheatrelounge.com

DAN BERN performs Tuesday, Oct. 10 at the Humboldt Brewery, 856 10th St., Arcata. Dan Bern is a captivating live performer with a loyal, multi-gen-

eration following. He has written thousands of songs, released dozens of albums and toured across North America and Europe. A true renaissance artist, Dan is the author of several books, is a prolific painter, has his own podcast and internet radio station. Doors open at 7:30 p.m, show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door. (707) 826-BREWS, humbrews.com

COMING UP Keller Williams performs at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, Saturday, Oct. 14, 8 p.m. Hanneke Cassel Band performs at the Arcata Playhouse, Sunday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m. Circles Around The Sun performs at the Humboldt Brewery, Tuesday, Oct. 17, 8 p.m. Tengger performs at Richard’s Goat, Friday, Oct. 20, 8 p.m. The Jeff Crosby Band performs at the Humboldt Brewery, Friday, Nov. 3, 8 p.m. Pigeons Playing Ping Pong performs at Van Duzer Theatre at Cal Poly Humboldt, Sunday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.

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FIRE ARTS Pottery by Darius Brotman, left, Jody Bryan, middle and Jen Hubbert, right.

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Fire Arts members exhibit new works

FIRE ARTS CENTER
MARSH DISTRICT – The Fire Arts Center Gallery is exhibiting the functional ceramics of Darius Brotman, Jody Bryan and Jen Hubbert, and watercolors of Jody Bryan.

The artists are long term members of Fire Arts. The artists welcome the community to a reception at the gallery in conjunction with Arts! Arcata, on Friday, Oct. 13 from 5 to 7 p.m. All are invited.

Brotman prefers to throw on the wheel, citing that “the spinning clay is therapeutic.” His works highlight the intersection of aesthetic beauty and functional beauty. “A pot wants not only to look beautiful but to feel just right when in use.”

He also likes to make sets of items, feeling that a single bowl is less use-

ful than a set of bowls. His glazing is very gestural, avoiding careful drawing. Brotman uses his pieces as canvases for his gestural glazing techniques.

Bryan finds joy in 2D drawing and painting and 3D clay work. She asserts that “These two mediums require very different approaches and give different rewards. Painting watercolors from life is an exercise in immediate problem solving.”

Hubbert, a long-time resident of the North Coast and a healthcare professional, has been an avid member of Fire Arts for several years. She states, “A few years ago, on a dark and stormy December night I walked into Fire Arts. The warmth, the happiness, and the creativity there gave me pause and I thought ‘This might

be fun,’ so I signed up for a class... And I’ve never stopped.” She finds the creative outlet of working with clay to be a “happy adjunct to the healing process of not only myself but those who surround me on this journey.”

Fire Arts, located at 520 S. G St. in Arcata, across from the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center, has been teaching ceramics and fused glass skills and providing studio space and kiln firing resources to the local community since 2000.

Fire Arts is open every day and has a large selection of locally- made ceramic and fused glass pieces for sale all year. Classes are held year-round and include day and evening classes for adults and children. (707) 826-1445, fireartsarcata.com

Tintah: Amongst The Trails opens at Cal Poly

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

CAL POLY CAMPUS – Cal Poly Humboldt’s Goudi’ni Native American Arts Gallery presents Tintah: Amongst The Trails, works in wood and works on paper by Robert Benson. The exhibition runs Oct. 5 through Dec. 2.

The exhibition will host an Opening Reception on Thursday, Oct. 5 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Goudi’ni Gallery. All are welcome to attend, and light refreshments will be served. An artist talk with Robert Benson will be held Wednesday Oct. 11 from 5 to 6 p.m. as a part of the Cal Poly Humboldt Campus Indigenous Peoples Week celebrations.

Focusing on a new body of work, Tintah, Hupa language for amongst the trails, features newly



BURNING ALONG THE RIVER Robert Benson’s Burning Along The River, 2023, salvaged old growth redwood, oil paint, fire. SUBMITTED PHOTO

carved salvaged old growth redwood sculptures, and watercolor studies. Robert Benson, Tsnungwe, is a leading figure among artists in the northwestern California art world. He worked as a well-respected teacher for more than 30 years at the College of the Redwoods, as well as a curator of Native art.

His current paintings and sculptures are filled

with trails, literal and suggested. “There is the trail into our family hunting camp that I traveled for more than 50 years, there are trails handed down through stories and mythologies, and there are the trails of imagination. When we consider that at the most basic level a trail is just something connecting two points, even the ladder and stairway forms

that populate my work can be viewed as kinds of trails. To be amongst the trails is to find your rhythm, your place, and to discover the interplay between that rhythm and the melody of the universe.” Benson states.

The gallery is open to in-person viewing four days a week, and presented virtually at art.humboldt.edu/galleries. We welcome visitors to our in-person viewing hours at the Goudi’ni Gallery starting Friday, Oct 14: Wednesday and Thursday, noon to 6 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The gallery is also open via appointment, please contact the Gallery Director at rbg@humboldt.edu, or call (707) 826-3629.

THE LOGGER LEAR A new theatre work from Longshadr Productions premieres at the World Famous Logger Bar in Blue Lake, at the center of the universe, on Tuesday, Oct. 10. Featuring award-winning actor Donald Forrest in the title role, Longshadr presents *The Logger Lear*. *The Logger Lear* will be a raucous event,

replete with live music and original songs, that is very *looooooosely* based on Shakespeare’s *King Lear*. Tickets are available at Eventbrite.com (search for *Logger Lear*) and you’re encouraged to buy tickets early, as this will sell out.
• Monday Oct. 9, 6 p.m. Open dress rehearsal. Stop by the bar to make a

reservation for this preview.
• Tuesday, Oct. 10, 6 p.m., opening night
• Wednesday Oct. 11, 6 p.m.
• Thursday, Oct. 12, 6 p.m.
• Sunday, Oct. 15, 4 p.m.
• Monday, Oct. 16, 6 p.m.
• Tuesday, Oct. 17, 6 p.m. longshadr@gmail.com, longshadr.com

❖ LAND TRUST

Celebrate conservation at Boots & Birkenstocks

NORTHCOST REGIONAL LAND TRUST

FORTUNA – The North-coast Regional Land Trust (NRLT) is pleased to be hosting their Annual Celebration on Saturday, Oct. 7 at the Fortuna River Lodge. Fondly referred to as Boots and Birkenstocks, the event celebrates the conservation of farms, forests, ranches and watersheds. NRLT’s Annual Celebration brings together people from across our region who share a common goal – conserving this special place we call home.

This year’s event features live music by All Wheel Drive, a tasty dinner by Dorris & Daughter Catering, beef donated by Humboldt Grassfed Beef and prepared by Peter Bussman, local tuna, an open bar and great company.

Lee and Justin Mora of Humboldt Auction Yard will be running the live auction which includes a sight-seeing flight over Hum-



GOOD TIMES A scene from a previous Boots & Birkenstocks, where a good time is had by all. SUBMITTED PHOTO

boldt County, art inspired by the land, vacation stays near and far, local foods, ranch tours, handmade furniture and more! The silent auction features a wide array of items generously donated by local businesses, artists and farms.

The Northcoast Regional Land Trust’s Annual Celebration is generously sponsored by Wildberries Marketplace, American AgCredit, Humboldt Mendocino Redwood Company, North Fork Lumber, Green Diamond Resource Company, Points West Surveying,

Hunter, Hunter, and Hunt, Humboldt Grassfed Beef, Humboldt Auction Yard, Hubbard’s German Auto, Harber’s Insurance Agency, Lone Star Ranch, Planwest Partners, Ramone’s Bakery and Café, Stillwater Sciences, Northpoint Consulting Group, Coast Central Credit Union, Redwood Capital Bank, Umpqua Bank and Erin Kelly.

Tickets are \$100 and are available online at givebutler.com/AC2023 or at the door. Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner is at 6:45 p.m. (707) 822-2242

❖ ARCATA PLAYHOUSE

An evening of spirited Scottish music

ARCATA PLAYHOUSE

CREAMERY DISTRICT – The Hanneke Cassel Band will perform Sunday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. in Arcata.

Effervescent and engaging, Boston-based fiddler Hanneke Cassel’s fiddle music fuses influences from the Isle of Skye and Cape Breton with Americana grooves and musical innovations.

She has performed and traveled across North America, Europe, Australia and Asia. Hanneke’s music is a blend of the contemporary and traditional, described by the *Boston Globe* as “exuberant and rhythmic, somehow wild and innocent, delivered with captivating melodic clarity and an irresistible playfulness.”

Cassel’s latest album *Infinite Brightness* lyrically and poignantly captures a brightness that shines with sorrow-tinted joy. Written on the heels of a global pandemic and in memory of friends who’ve died in recent years, the nine compositions on this album exude Cassel’s trademark energetic playing while carrying the gravitas of loss, grief, and a sense of hope that endures. Co-produced with bandmate Keith Murphy, who plays guitar and harmonium on the album, *Infinite Brightness* also features Jenna Moynihan, who contributes five-string fiddle, Tristan Clarridge on cello, and guitarist Yann Falquet (heard on *Dmitri’s Dream* and *Last Alle-*

luia).

The Hanneke Cassel Band features Tristan Clarridge on cello/vocals and Keith Murphy on guitar/vocals. Multi-instrumentalist, 5 -time Grand National Fiddle Champion, and pioneering cellist, Tristan Clarridge creatively synthesizes traditional folk influences with rhythmic vocabulary from jazz, rock and pop music, and is leading a revolution among adventurous young cellists throughout the USA and beyond. He has toured the world with bluegrass/nu-folk sensation Crooked Still and Darol Anger’s Republic of Strings, as well as Mike Marshall, Bruce Molsky and Cape Breton fiddle phenomenon Natalie MacMaster.

Newfoundland-born guitarist Keith Murphy is a rhythmic powerhouse on guitar and a traditional singer of rare finesse. A native of Newfoundland, he has lived in New England for many years where he has been an influential presence in the traditional music scene through his work with many respected bands, as a tune writer and as director of the Northern Roots Festival in Brattleboro, Vermont. He has three solo recordings of traditional songs, the most recent being *Land of Fish and Seals* (2018).

Together, the Hanneke Cassel Band creates a cutting-edge acoustic sound that retains the integrity and spirit of the Scottish tradition.

Man plucked from boat

U.S. COAST GUARD MCKINLEYVILLE. — The U.S. Coast Guard rescued a person Saturday afternoon, Sept. 30 after his sailboat the “Agua Star” was beset by weather approximately 80 miles west of Eureka.

U.S. Coast Guard Sector Humboldt Bay watchstanders received multiple radio transmissions around 11:40 a.m. Saturday from the captain of the Agua Star, stating he needed immediate assistance and was approximately 80 miles west of Eureka.

Sector Humboldt watchstanders directed the recall and launch of a Coast Guard Air Station Humboldt Bay MH-65 Dol-

phin helicopter crew from training around 11:40 a.m.

The Dolphin aircrew arrived on scene around 3:50 p.m. and made contact with the Agua Star’s captain. He reported that he needed to be evacuated due to weather conditions and damage to his sailboat.

The aircrew then hoisted the passenger from the sailboat to the helicopter at 4:30 p.m. and began their transit back to Air Station Humboldt Bay.

The aircrew dropped the passenger off at Air Station Humboldt Bay around 5:15 p.m. The passenger was reported to have no injuries.

The sailboat’s last reported position is reported to be approximately 80 miles west of Eureka.

SOCIAL THINGY

2023 Local kayak club Explore North Coast is hosting its 11th annual “Social Thingy” on Friday, Oct. 13, Saturday, Oct. 14 and Sunday, Oct. 15. Dust off your kayak or stand up paddle board and come join them for an opportunity to get on the waters of Stone Lagoon, Big Lagoon, Trinidad Bay and touring the sights of Humboldt Bay during the three-day event. The club makes every attempt to cater to all levels, from beginner to expert. Whether you’re new to paddling, enjoy birding, want some instruction on how to get started, the Social Thingy is for you! To learn more about the Social Thingy go to explorenorthcoast.net and view the details on our calendar of events or email us at info@explorenorthcoast.net. SUBMITTED PHOTO



COSTUME PADDLE Throw on a Halloween costume and paddle out in Humboldt Bay on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. Costumed paddlers will gather at the foot of F Street in Eureka. This public event will last two hours.

WITCHES PADDLE The fourth annual Witches Paddle takes place Saturday, Oct. 21 at 3 p.m. starting at the boat ramp under the Samoa Bridge in Eureka. All are welcome and costumes are encouraged.



GREAT COSTUME PADDLE The Redwood Rafter’s youth whitewater rafting team, is holding a Great Costume Paddle Across Humboldt Bay Fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 28 at noon. The costume paddle will take place on Humboldt Bay and start under the Samoa Bridge, head to the foot of F street, and then back again. The event is a BYOB (bring your own boat/craft) and paddle and a life vest is absolutely required. Paddlers

show their tickets at the on the water safety check where they are given the all clear and handed voucher for an ice cream. They then paddle towards the Judges Boat at the foot of F street where costumes are judged and photos are taken. They then make the paddle back through the finish line where their journey ends. Tickets are \$10 per person, and are limited, and should be purchased in advance at usarc.us (the link is close to the bottom of the page) or you can get tickets at eventbrite.com (type in “Eureka and costume paddle”). Paddlers join in the fun at their own risk and are asked to be kind and support each other in a safe and hauntingly fun adventure. The event is family friendly and no alcohol or drugs on the water please. Proceeds will help the team pay for insurance, buy new safety equipment and get the training these kiddos need to be safe on the water and grow the team. redwoodrafters@gmail.com, (808) 640.5370 (text)

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TJ Muller, SoHum Girls & Charlie Halloran at the Morris Graves

MORRIS GRAVES MUSEUM OF ART

EUREKA – Visit the Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St. in Eureka from 5 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7 and get a free taste of Eureka’s Redwood Coast Music Festival! During the Arts Alive evening enjoy the music of TJ Muller’s Tribute to Eddie Condon, Humboldt’s own SoHum Girls, and finally, Charlie Halloran & The Tropicales!

T.J. Muller is a multi-instrumentalist and bandleader based out of St. Louis, where he directs both The Arcadia Dance Orchestra and The Gaslight Squares. Although based in Mis-

souri, T.J. was born in Canterbury, England. Always traveling from a young age, T.J. began playing traditional jazz cornet with his family band, led by his father Rev. Anton Muller.

The local group SoHum Girls consist of Julie Froblom, saxophone and flute; Marla Joy, bass; Chris Manspeaker, guitar; Marcia Mendels, vocals and keys; Bill Moehnke, drums and vocals; and Brigitte Terry, vocals and percussion. Visitors can expect a spirited performance of original songs about life, love, Humboldt County, and the pursuit of happiness! The SoHum Girls write across many genres, from funk to New Or-

leans second line, R&B to ballads, rock to blues to jazz.

Twice named a rising star in *Downbeat Magazine* and recognized as one of New Orleans’ top trombonists in *Offbeat Magazine* numerous times, Charlie Halloran performs regularly with Meschiya Lake and the Little Big Horns, the Palmetto Bug Stompers, the Panorama Jazz Band and the Shotgun Jazz Band. Still, Charlie can often be found bringing up the rear over at the New Orleans Palm Court Cafe, with Tuba Skinny, the Preservation Hall Allstars, and occasionally with Jon Cleary or Anders Osborne

LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00544

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SOCIAL SPAS 770 112 TH ST. ARCATA, CA 95521 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT HUMBOLDT BAY SOCIAL CLUB INC. CA 3980245 900 NEW NAVY BASE RD SAMOA, CA 95564 This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION S/ Melody Colver Sr. Manager of Finance and Brand Expansion This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on SEPT. 12, 2023 JUAN P. CERVANTES SC DEPUTY CLERK 10/4, 10/11. 10/18, 10/25

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NAME STATEMENT 23-00524

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

PEARL A. ROLLER CASE NO.: PR2300271 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: PEARL A. ROLLER VA Petition for Probate has been filed by DANNY AMES in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT. The Petition for Probate requests that: DANNY AMES be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining

court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: OCT. 5, 2023 Time: 1:31 PM Dept.: 4 Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501. COURT MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

PLEASE VISIT <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov> FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ONLINE VIDEO HEARING. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or per-

sonal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. NEAL G. LATT 350 E ST. SUITE 401 EUREKA, CA 95501 (707) 908-9088 9/13, 9/20, 9/27

❖ KEET-TV & PARTNERS

The Great Redwood Trail Community Event

KEET-TV

DYERVILLE – You are invited to the Great Redwood Trail Community Event on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This exciting gathering is free and a collaboration between Friends of the Eel River, the Humboldt Trails Council and KEET-TV. The event will happen at the scenic Dyerville Overlook, near Founder’s Grove, exit 663, off U.S. Highway 101.

The Great Redwood Trail is an ambitious 320-mile multi-use rail-to-trail project that aims to connect San Francisco and Humboldt bays, creating a unique pathway through some of Northern California’s most stunning natural landscapes. This event offers a unique opportunity to explore the vision behind this remarkable trail and how it can positively impact our communities.

The Great Redwood Trail embodies the spirit of preserving the natural beauty of our landscapes, promoting active and healthy lifestyles, and strengthening the bonds within our community. Your support can make a meaningful difference.

Enjoy a day of family-friendly fun with activities tailored to everyone’s interests. Learn about the trail planning process and share your valuable insights. Gain expert insights about the Great Redwood Trail, including a presentation. from Senator Mike McGuire’s office.

You can participate in a community art project called “Paint-a-Fish” and a bike safety mapping activity. Arcata Playhouse’s Wonder Wagon will be on-site to help build connections and encourage expression through art experiences and we encourage everyone to participate together in these fun activities. We also have free face painting for everyone to enjoy.

There will also be information booths from various conservation groups dedicated to preserving our forests and waterways and you can attend a water safety presentation to help ensure the well-being of our community while visiting the local waterways.

We invite local organizations to table at the event, and there are no fees. The deadline to sign up for booth space is Monday, Oct. 2. We need volunteers to help us as we cannot do this alone. Find the links at *EelRiver.org*.

KEET-TV and its partners, Friends of the Eel River and Humboldt Trails Council, are collaborating with The WNET Group and HHMI Tangled Bank Studios on the WILD HOPE National Community Engagement Initiative, which provides funding for this event. Join us on this journey to connect our bays, preserve our forests and celebrate our community.

Keep your sidewalks clear, safe and useable

CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA – The City of Arcata reminds homeowners and landlords that it’s their responsibility to remove weeds, refuse and rubbish from sidewalks, rights-of-way or alleys abutting or adjoining such property.

Removal of these items is to prevent endangerment or injury for those persons traveling on such areas, plus help extend the life of Arcata’s streets. Clear sidewalks enable people of all ages to move about the city safely.

Failure to maintain sidewalks, rights-of-way and alleys in accordance with the Arcata Municipal Code (Sections 5481(a)) shall constitute a public nuisance and be subject to abatement.

“Refuse and rubbish” include, but are not limited to, waste material of every kind, whether recyclable or not, material which may create a fire hazard, dead trees and yard waste, abandoned asphalt, other building materials and other unsanitary or unsafe materials.

“Weeds” include, but are not limited to, plants which bear spreadable seeds, dry grass or brush that may become a fire menace, plants which may

constitute a menace to public health such as poison oak or poison ivy and plants that may constitute a public hazard.

Weeds growing on the sidewalk or in the right-of-way between the sidewalk and the curb are the property owner’s responsibility. If the responsibility is shared between the owners at the end of the cul-de-sac, the division of the responsibility is the center of the cul-de-sac.

The City of Arcata does have a policy which prohibits the use of pesticides on city-owned property, including sidewalks. Mowing or some old-fashioned elbow grease can make a helpful impact to improve public safety and will help ensure the long-term maintenance of city streets. This is because the roots of weeds can work their way through pavement, causing it to crack or break into pieces. Water then gets under the pavement, causing premature failure of the street. Help extend the life of Arcata’s streets by keeping curbs clear from debris and weeds and ensure people of all ages can move about the city safely.

For more information, contact Environmental Services at (707) 822-8184.

THE GHOST FOREST PRESENTATION

Join the Cal Poly Humboldt College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences in welcoming Humboldt County writer and activist Greg King for a special presentation of his new book, *The Ghost Forest: Racists, Radicals, and Real Estate in the California Redwoods*. The presentation begins at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 5, at the Great Hall Community Center at Cal Poly Humboldt. The Great Hall is at the corner of Harpst and Rossow Streets on the Cal Poly campus, on the second floor above College Creek Market.

ARCATA MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Oct. 7. Meet leader Gail Coonen at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk on the ecology of the marsh. (707) 826-2359.

MURMURATIONS AT THE MARSH Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for a free guided field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Bring your binoculars and meet trip leader Elizabeth Meisman at the

end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata for easy-to-walk trails and an opportunity to view a diverse range of species. Fall is an incredible time to bird at the Arcata marsh! Trip-goers may see brown pelicans diving for fish, shorebird murmurations over the bay, the fascinating bill diversity of Pacific Coast shorebirds and migratory terrestrial species returning for the winter.



❖ ECO BRIEFS

WINE BY THE SEA

Imagine spending an afternoon gazing out at the ocean, sipping local wines and nibbling locally made cheeses, fresh grilled Humboldt Bay oysters, and other tasty treats. Now add good friends, live music, a wine pull and fabulous auction items. If this sounds like an event you don’t want to miss, then it’s time to purchase tickets for Friends of the Dunes’ annual Wine by the Sea, Saturday, Oct. 7 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center in Manila. This fundraising event supports coastal conservation and free outdoor education programs for Humboldt County kids. This event sells out every year so get your tickets now! Tickets are available online at *friendsofthedunes.org/winebythesea* or in person at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center during open hours. (707) 444-1397,

email *info@friendsofthedunes.org*

HUMBOLDT BAY WILDLIFE REFUGE

Redwood Region Audubon Society will offer a free guided birding tour at Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge on Sunday, Oct. 8 from 9 to 11 a.m. Meet leader Ralph Bucher at the Visitor Center for this two-mile walk along a wide, flat trail that is packed gravel and easily accessible. Just outside of town, this refuge offers astounding and easy access to tidally-influenced habitats including mudflats, riparian vegetation, conifers, and a bay that hosts a variety of geese, raptors, shorebirds, and waders. Email Ralph to sign up at *thebook@reninet.com*.

EXPLORE BIRD TOES AND FEET Join Redwood Region Audubon Society and trip leader Janelle Chojnacki for a mid-week trip to the Arcata Marsh on Thursday, Oct. 12 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. It’s Oc-TOE-ber so let’s explore bird toes and feet! This trip will focus on the incredible diversity of bird feet present at this local hotspot. See shorebirds with their variety of webbed toes, raptors with their sharp talons and hopefully, woodpeckers, creepers and/or nuthatches with their incredible feet adapted for moving up and down tree trunks. We may even get to discuss the feet of more nocturnally-active species such as owls and night herons.

BLM wants comments on NorCal management plan

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

REDDING – The Bureau of Land Management is seeking public input on the draft Northwest California Integrated Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for public lands managed by the Redding and Arcata field offices. The comment period will end by Dec. 28.

The Northwest California Integrated Resource Management Plan will guide management of approximately 382,200 acres of public land and approximately 295,100 acres of subsurface minerals in Del Norte, Siskiyou, Shasta, Humboldt, Mendocino, Trinity, Tehama and Butte counties for the next 15 to 20 years.

The integrated plan will replace the resource management plans for the Redding and Arcata field offices put into place in the mid-1990s. The need for a new resource management plan is due to increasing population and changing use patterns; to provide for a broad array of recreation uses; wilderness management; protect and conserve Wild & Scenic Rivers and Areas of Critical Environmental Concern; and consolidate BLM-managed public lands to conserve significant resources while providing public access.

The BLM will collaborate with local, state and federal agencies as well as Tribal partners to complete the plan. Public comments will help prepare the final environmental analysis and proposed resource management plan.

The planning area includes a great diversity of lands ranging from north coast beaches and dunes—to the Central Valley and Sacramento River—to the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. These public lands provide a wide array of recreational opportunities, including wilderness trails, hunting areas, off-highway riding areas, mountain bike trails and scenic vistas. A wide range of uses are supported by these lands, including habitat for fish and wildlife, livestock grazing, mining, timber production and firewood collecting.

Public participation in the planning process will help the BLM develop a land use plan that reflects the values and needs of the people living in the region and those who visit.

Public comments may be submitted via email to *BLM_CA_Redding_Arcata_NCIP@blm.gov*, online at BLM NEPA Register, hand delivered, or mailed to the BLM Arcata Field Office at 1695 Heindon Rd., Arcata, CA, 95521-4573.

Musicians needed for Holiday Craft Market

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – The City of Arcata Recreation Division is looking for volunteer musicians to play at the 22nd annual Holiday Craft Market.

Arcata Recreation Division’s Youth Development Scholarship Fund, which supports youth in the community by subsidizing fees for recreation programs.

In 2022, the Holiday Craft Market fundraiser contributed over \$8,000 in scholarship funds. The Youth Development Scholarship Fund provided \$4,827 in assistance to 59 youth for classes, programs and camps.

The Holiday Craft Market will take place on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Arcata Community Center, at 321 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway in Arcata.

Musicians who would like to showcase their talent are asked to email *rec@cityofarcata.org* or call (707) 822-7091. For more information about the Holiday Craft Market visit *cityofarcata.org/rec*.

The City of Arcata Recreation Division’s Youth Development Scholarship Fund provides recreation program fee reductions to youth from low-income families. The Recreation Division is committed to providing all youth of qualifying families with a 30 percent fee reduction for recreation programming offered throughout the year.

This scholarship fund relies solely on grants, donations and fundraisers to provide this invaluable service to youth in our community.

This fund is made possible in part by Humboldt Sponsors, the Humboldt Area Foundation, St. Joseph Health System, Humboldt County, the McLean Foundation and the Patricia D. & William B. Smullin Foundation and independent donors.

For more information, or to donate to the Youth Development Scholarship Fund, visit *cityofarcata.org/384/Youth-Development-Scholarship-Fund*.

Fixing Butcher Slough

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – The City of Arcata is proactively seeking to address legacy contamination within Butcher Slough and a section of the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary which remains in the environment from previous ownerships and wood products industry activity on the property.

The city currently has an EPA Targeted Brownfields Assessment technical assistance grant to characterize potential contamination at legacy wood products industry sites within the city.

Preliminary results indicate that the Butcher Slough site has high levels of contaminants of concern including dioxin. This location is one of dozens of former industrial and lumber sites along the shoreline of Humboldt Bay with legacy contamination.

The city is collaborating with the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and Humboldt Baykeeper to develop a voluntary cleanup agreement and proposal to the Equitable Community Revitalization Grant (ECRG) program through the California Department of Toxic Substances Control.

On Wednesday, Oct. 4, the Arcata City Council

will consider a resolution to apply to the ECRG program.

Funding from ECRG will help the city develop a cleanup plan and engage the community around cleanup options for continued protection of public and environmental health.

The cleanup plan also includes a greater vision of increasing ADA-accessible parking and nature paths in the Arcata Marsh to increase access and promote the health and wellness of Arcata residents.

Continued passive recreation along official trails in the Arcata Marsh is not expected to be a threat to human health as dioxins are concentrated in sediments and soils beneath the gravel surface of trails.

The City has been proactively seeking grants for characterization of potential contamination, development of cleanup plans, and implementation of cleanup activities for former Redevelopment Agency properties and City properties as well as pursuing partnerships with private landowners interested in cleaning up and redeveloping their properties.

For more information, please call the Environmental Services Department at (707) 822-8184.

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